

Toba

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1 Language Information

- Source: Klein (2013)
- Glottlog: <http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/toba1269>
- ISO-identifier: tob
- Speakers: 30,000 (Klein, 2013)
- Location: Paraguay, Bolivia, Argentina
- Geneology: Guaicuruan > Guaicuru del Sur > Qom > Pilaga-Toba > Toba

2 Verbal Morphology

The verb has different form for singular and plural. The non-singular form of the verb has the meaning of 'more than two and between six and ten'. In the case of more than ten items, the singular form plus an adverb is used.

3 Conjunction

Coordination is marked by the conjunction *qaq* 'and' or through juxtaposition. *qaq* can appear at the beginning of the clause (as discourse indicator) or in the middle, conjoining two clauses.

- (1) se-lo-ta-ʔa ñi-ʔaGayGa-t-eg-a ʔi-taGayGa-tak ʔara-lere
1SG-look-ASP-OBJ 1SG-listenASP-INT-OBJ 3SG-read-ASP 2SG-book
'I am looking and listening while someone is reading your book.' [Klein, 2013, p. 43]

4 Disjunction

The disjunction markers are *qalqaʔa* 'but', and *qoʔo* 'or'. *qalqaʔa* can occur only at the beginning of the sentence, referring to prior information, and has disjunctive meaning. *qoʔo* cannot conjoin two clauses, only nouns and verbs.

- (2) woʔo-ra keʔenaGak qalqaʔa sa-ji-walaq-a neʔena
EXIST-CL suffering CONJ NEG-3PL-ignore-OBJ DEM
'There is suffering but we don't ignore it.' [Klein, 2013, p. 44]

5 Prepositions

There are no prepositions in Toba, but verbal suffixes that can indicate position or direction.

1. *wek* 'out'
2. *wo* 'in'
3. *ñi* 'down'
4. *šigem* 'up'
5. *lek* 'over'
6. *ʔoga* 'across space'
7. *ya* 'near'
8. *get* 'toward speaker'

References

Klein, Harriet E. Manelis (2013). *Toba*. München: Lincom Europa.